

## True V Truth

*John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

The battle for truth: you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.

*2 Cor 10: 3-5 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

**The knowledge of God will minister to your spirit.**

When truth hits your heart, it collides with your thought patterns, that's when it's so easy to get offended, when strongholds of tradition - opinion - prejudice are exposed. To be ill-informed is worse than being ignorant.

**Don't trust that person around money etc, you set a thought process in place.**

*Prov 18:2 A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights in airing his own opinions.*

It's true to say that at times we build very strong arguments and perspectives based around our opinions, these opinions often have been established on nothing more than **hearsay, naivety and half-truths, the problem with a half-truth is which half do you have?**

We can be very vocal about many issues that we don't even have the full details on, **your opinion may be based on what is true, but is it established in the truth?**

The spirit of truth will expose things you never even knew were there, not looking for the bogeyman in the cupboard.

We all feel a little on the back-foot when someone says, "Can I tell you the truth?" Or "Tell me the truth..." Jack Nicholson: "You can't handle the truth!"

*You can, but in what spirit will you be telling me?*

*Proverbs 27:6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.*

At times a home truth may feel like a wound, but when done in the right spirit I may smart for a while, but I will come back stronger. **But if you want to expose me or use words to score points, then that really is an issue of your heart not mine.**

*Prov 18:6 A fool's lips bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating.*

*Prov 3: 5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

**Lean not on your own understanding.**

**Speculation** - dealing with things not based on fact.

Reason things out from my understanding and perspective can abort the truth.

**Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life - it's an all or nothing deal.**

We are not in a position to pick and choose the bits we like, facts will not keep you - the truth will.

**Whose report will you believe?**

Sickness, the doctor gives you his prognosis - is that fact?

***By his stripes I am healed - 39 different streams of sickness.***

*He sent forth His word and healed their diseases.*

*Prov 18:14 A man's spirit sustains him in sickness –*

**It's your spirit that keeps you buoyant in times of sickness**, your body says no but your spirit brings hope and brings to remembrance the promises of God.

The need to be established in present truth - not filtered through **past hurts, disappointments, frustrations and life experiences.**

**We have to follow and build according to biblical patterns, not opinion or tradition. That's the bit we struggle with, why can't we do it like everybody else?**

**It works for them so why not?**

**This business marketing strategy book says.....**

**That's what Israel said when they wanted a king, give us a king like other nations.**

*Pastor spoke about the journey to intimacy in our worship, making the right sacrifice - draws and holds the presence of God, the river flows.*

*John 14: 23-24 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."*

**Understanding of Jesus, the truth, not a picture on a postcard, or a statue in a building.**

**Jesus is the Truth.**

**He is the full revelation of God.** The word 'truth' is used 22 times in the Gospel of John. *If we know the Son, we also know the Father.*

**Jesus is the Way**

*Prov 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.*

Just look at a man who needs direction, we will try every option before begrudgingly asking for help.

My Way is not an anthem - but a death sentence.

*Jeremiah 6:16 This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.'*

**Just ask... The way will be made clear.**

We walk a narrow road but it's not a tightrope, the grace of God holds us and keeps us.

**Jesus the truth.**

We are not left on our own groping around in the dark.

***Relationship is the currency of the Kingdom.***

*John 16: 13-14 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.*

**The spirit of truth produces the nature of truth in the life of the person responding to it.** You sow a seed, you start a season in your life. The message of prayer must produce a life of prayer.

**A new breed of church is created when we build with the spirit of truth.**

*Hebrews 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have **trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.***

*John 1: 1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

**Nothing can come from the invisible to the visible unless it comes through the word. The word of truth has to come to you **the person of Jesus Christ.****

Lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him.

If I start to acknowledge Him before I do, then maybe I may see a change in my life.

Life spirit balance: **If I can't find biblical backing to qualify my opinion, understanding or beliefs**, then it is established in error.

No more gifts - No apostles, prophets, only pastors, teachers, evangelists. If you see a manifestation then it's demonic. That is what we had been taught for a decade, so how much realignment do you think was needed when we came into The Dream Centre?

### **Myths - Traditions - Hearsay**

Even when you heard it from a preacher, read it in a book, or worse, found an article on the Internet, the same rules apply.

### **True/Fact V Truth**

Blind see.

40 years in the wilderness.

Walking on water.

Talking Donkey.

I can't build my life on my experiences, the testimony of others and create a new doctrine, but on the truth of the written living word.

The yard stick in all we have said today is: am I teachable? Or am I so entrenched in my opinions, dogma and traditions that the answer I can justify this morning is - well it's what I believe.

If what you believe is a half-truth, what half do you have?

The Holy Spirit wants to draw us into all truth, revealing the Christ, the heart of the Father and our positions as the children of God. No one says be a robot or a clone, but don't be so tied to your own opinion that you kill the very life of the word coming to you everyday.

The simple life rule: If I can't find biblical backing to qualify my opinion, understanding or belief, let it go.